

Remarks

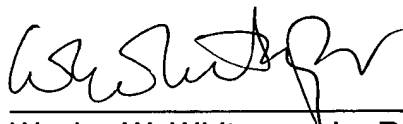
Applicant has amended claims 1, 7 and 8. Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter was added by the amendment, as all of the amended matter was either previously illustrated or described in the drawings, written specification and/or claims of the present application. Entry of the amendment and favorable consideration thereof is earnestly requested.

The Examiner has rejected claim 7 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. The Examiner has further rejected claims 1-5 and 7-10 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,192,878 to Miyamoto et al. ("the '878 patent"). The Examiner has still further rejected claims 11-13 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over the '878 patent. Claim 14 has been allowed.

Applicant has amended claim 1 to include the limitation "an output of the first transmission gate being connected to an output of the second transmission gate to form the signal at the second voltage level" which the examiner indicated was not disclosed or taught in the prior art. Applicant has further amended claims 7 and 8 to correct informalities and address the Examiner's 112 rejections.

It is respectfully submitted that claims 1-5 and 7-14, all of the claims remaining in the application, are in order for allowance and early notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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